

SEEK 3 EYEWITNESSES OF MURDER TO BARE HALL SLAYING MYSTERY

Simpson Issues Warrants for Six To Be Questioned

Detectives under Deputy Attorney General Simpson investigating the Hall-Mills murder case were busy today checking on the bank accounts, real estate holdings and salaries of all witnesses in an effort to see if they had shared in the alleged distribution of Hall money. Simpson said he would examine seventy witnesses, including Mrs. Elsie Barnhardt, of Paterson, N. J., sister of Mrs. Mills, not heretofore mentioned.

Three eyewitnesses to the murder of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Mills, today are being sought by Jersey state police to corroborate the stories told by Mrs. Jane Gibson and the "woman in orange," both of whom have told Assistant Attorney General Alexander Simpson startling tales.

One of those sought is a chauffeur, who reported four years ago that he was near the Phillips farm on the night of the murder and had seen something "terrible and horrible."

Warrants for Six

Mr. Simpson, special prosecutor in the Hall-Mills case, said he intended to issue a warrant for this chauffeur to be held in abeyance with five others which now are in the hands of the state police.

On information given by Mrs. Catherine Fraley, who lives near the Phillips farm, Mr. Simpson has directed that a search be made for a couple who rented a room in the Fraley house on the night of the murder. Mrs. Fraley told a story of a couple who said they were married and took the room in her home overlooking the Phillips farm.

Saw "Terrible" Sight

In the morning, Mrs. Fraley said, they left the house hurriedly and reported that they had seen something "terrible" that night from their window. Mrs. Fraley has her doubts about the couple being married and says that for this reason they have never come forward to tell their story.

Mr. Simpson denied that Mrs. Fraley was the mysterious "woman in orange" who came to him late Wednesday and said she knew two persons who were eyewitnesses of the murder. Special Prosecutor asserted that detectives were still checking up on her story.

To Quiz Willie Stevens

Mr. Simpson asserted that he would examine another witness in the case at his office in Jersey City today. Willie Stevens, brother of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, who is at liberty in \$15,000 bail on a charge of committing the murders, will be examined Monday, it is expected.

While the special prosecutor is continuing to examine witnesses, he cannot determine whether their stories are new or changed in certain particulars because he is not in possession of the grand jury minutes of the first investigation. He said he had men working on

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Hall Witnesses are Quizzed



WITNESSES in the Hall-Mills murder case are being questioned daily by Special Prosecutor Alexander Simpson. As details of the four-year-old double slaying are being brought forth, Dr. William Long, coroner at the first investigation, told his story to the prosecutor. He is shown (left) leaving the state troopers' headquarters. On the right are Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman" and the state's star witness, and Senator Simpson.

Sheiks Hurl Two Girls From a Speeding Auto

Two pretty young girls were hurled from a speeding auto early today at Nelson Avenue and Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, when they resisted the over-ardent attentions of two motor sheiks with whom they had gone riding.

One of the alleged attackers has been arrested. Detectives today were seeking the other man.

The girls gave the names of Gladys Vaughan, 19, of 40 West 34th St., both of Bayonne, N. J.

Some passers-by took them to the Staten Island Hospital, where they were treated for bruises and lacerations.

WOMAN CAMPAIGNING ON WET PLATFORM

NEWPORT, Ky.—Mrs. Marie C. Haller of Fort Thomas has announced herself as candidate on the Republican ticket for Congress from the Sixth District on a wet platform.

THE WEATHER

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U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Thunder showers today; cooler at night; tomorrow fair; fresh southwest winds, shifting to west and northwest, with squalls.
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ORTHODONTISTS TO MEET

Upward of 1,000 orthodontists will foregather in New York city next week for the first international orthodontic congress.

Attack Simpson Hall Probe As Tax Burden

Somerset county, in which the Rev. Edward W. Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Mills, were slain four years ago, does not take kindly to Alexander W. Simpson as special prosecutor of the revived murder probe.

The Somerset Democrat, which is owned and published by C. P. Hoagland, foreman of the April grand jury, in its current issue said:—

"What is the game? It might have been perfectly proper for the state to appoint an assistant to Prosecutor Bergen to try the Hall-Mills case if a grand jury had investigated the evidence and returned indictments to the court for trial, but as the matter stands it seems like a hardship upon the taxpayers, who must pay the bills. Four years ago the state took the same course in this case and appointed a special attorney and investigator, but after several weeks' work they found no more evidence than was already in the hands of Prosecutor Beekman."

"Certainly Mr. Simpson did not bring any new evidence in the case to Somerset county."

Girl's Attackers May Be Returned Here for Trial

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Richard Thorne and Philip C. Elliott, indicted

in Westchester county on a charge of attacking Miss Violet Anderson in a Sadist orgy, may finally be extradited from Montreal, Canada, through the efforts of First Assistant District Attorney Walter A. Ferris obtaining the necessary papers today.

Mr. Ferris is on his way to Canada. Unless the girl's attackers are extradited by next Friday, officials intimated, they will be freed.

They have been held in Montreal since about the beginning of July and have been remanded to jail five times. The prison life of the two men, according to reports, was one of comfort and luxury.

The attack on Miss Anderson aroused a sensation through its cruelty and lust. She was whipped and even struck with a small tree uprooted by the two in their frenzy. If the men are finally returned to this country they will be tried in September.



Violet Anderson

Pick Republican To Investigate the Health Departm't

Investigation into the alleged corruption in the Department of Health will be conducted by Charles H. Kelby, lawyer, of 120 Broadway, former justice of the Appellate Division, it was announced by Mayor Walker. Kelby is a Republican.

He accepted the appointment of special counsel after several conferences with Health Commissioner Harris. Dr. Harris also will aid in the inquiry.

2 MOTORISTS INJURED

Simon J. Rand of 231 Eldridge St. and Leon Elliman of 201 Allen St. were injured when their auto crashed into a tree in Dobbs Ferry.

Bandit Who Got \$10,000 Sought by Police Today

Police are searching throughout the city today for a bandit who, single-handed, held up Butler Whiting, vice-president of the Caldwell-Wingate Construction Company, 381 4th Ave., and his paymaster, Robert T. Parsons, in a shack in West 29th Street, Coney Island, and escaped with \$10,000.

Whiting and Parsons drew \$17,000 from a Manhattan bank and, after paying out \$7,000 to a construction gang in 57th Street, proceeded by subway to Coney Island. They reached the shack in a Norton's Point trolley car.

As they sorted the pay envelopes for men employed on the Boardwalk Hotel, the bandit entered, gun drawn. Covering the men, he used

his free hand to stuff the envelopes into his pockets. With a warning against an outcry, he backed out of the door and vanished.

Although the police think he had accomplices outside the shack, people in the neighborhood believe the bandit to be the stranger who got into a Dodge car about the time of the robbery and sped away.